# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following area will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

## District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 20, 2012:

District 2: will be open within two nautical miles of the Prince of Wales shoreline south of Tolstoi Point located at 55°40.25′ N. latitude, with the following restrictions:

West Arm of Cholmondeley Sound: will be closed west of 132°18.00′ W. longitude;

South Arm of Cholmondeley Sound: will be closed south of 55°13.13′ N. latitude;

Sunny Cove: will be closed north of 55°15.00′ N. latitude;

<u>Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, and contiguous waters</u>: will be closed west of the longitude of Skowl Point Light;

<u>Moira Sound</u>: will be closed west of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage located at 132°00.35′ W. longitude;

Thorne Bay, Tolstoi Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed.

#### District 9

Section 9-B: will be closed.

### District 12

Section 12-A: will be closed.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

#### The harvest report from the recent openings in Section 9-B and 12-A are confidential.

Copies of the "2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S8812.

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